

REMARKS

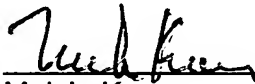
By the above amendments, claims 1 and 4 have been amended and new claim 5 has been presented. Additionally, the abstract has also been amended. It is noted that generally the amendments to the claims and abstract delete the parenthetical expressions.

Examination of the application and favorable action thereof is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims and abstract by the current Preliminary Amendment. This marked-up version is on the attached pages, the first page of which is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.37453CX2) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 4 as follows:

1. (amended) A method for playing back a storage medium storing still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) for managing still picture data (~~VOB~~) and N still picture data (~~VOB~~) as a still picture group (~~VOBG~~), where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) includes a first recording time (~~F_RECTM~~) at which the still picture data (~~VOB~~) in said still picture group (~~VOBG~~) was recorded first and a last recording time (~~L_RECTM~~) at which the still picture data (~~VOB~~) in said still picture group (~~VOBG~~) was recorded last, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving an entry of a predetermined time (~~TM~~);

comparing said predetermined time with said first and last recording times (~~F_RECTM~~, ~~L_RECTM~~); and

selectively playing back the still picture data (~~VOB~~) belonging to said still picture group (~~VOBG~~) satisfying a condition (~~F_RECTM < TM < L_RECTM~~) in which said predetermined time (~~TM~~) is equal to or later than said first recording time (~~F_RECTM~~) and equal to or earlier than said last recording time (~~L_RECTM~~).

4. (amended) A storage medium storing still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) for managing still picture data (~~VOB~~) and N still picture data (~~VOB~~) as a still picture group (~~VOBG~~), where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) includes a first recording time (~~F_RECTM~~) at which the still picture data (~~VOB~~) in said still picture group (~~VOBG~~) was recorded first and a last recording time (~~L_RECTM~~) at which the still picture data (~~VOB~~) in said still picture group (~~VOBG~~) was recorded last, wherein when a playback apparatus for playing back said storage medium receives a predetermined time (~~TM~~), said storage medium ~~causes~~ enables

said apparatus to compare said predetermined time with said first and last recording times (F_RECTM , L_RECTM), and selectively play back the still picture data (VOB) belonging to said still picture group ($VOBG$) satisfying a condition ($F_RECTM < TM < L_RECTM$) in which said predetermined time (TM) is equal to or later than said first recording time (F_RECTM) and equal to or earlier than said last recording time (L_RECTM).

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for playing back a storage medium storing still picture group management information ($VOBG$) for managing N still picture data (VOB) as a still picture group ($VOBG$), where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one. A storage medium is also provided. The still picture group management information ($VOBG$) includes a first recording time (F_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in the still picture group ($VOBG$) was recorded first and a last recording time (L_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in the still picture group ($VOBG$) was recorded last. An entry of a predetermined time (TM) is received and the predetermined time is compared with the first and last recording times (F_RECTM , L_RECTM). The still picture data (VOB) belonging to the still picture group ($VOBG$) is selectively played back which satisfies a condition ($F_RECTM < TM < L_RECTM$).